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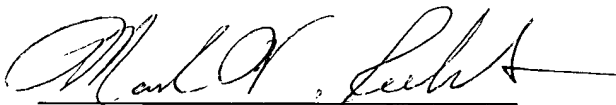
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I, Mark W. Roberts declare the following:

1. I am a registered patent attorney and authorized representative of Micron Technology, the assignee of the present application.
2. The in-house files for the instant application contain an original disclosure document, designated 97.03994 and submitted herewith as Exhibit A, which was prepared by the inventor Eric Anderson for the assignee, Micron Technology, for the purpose of preparing and prosecuting the instant invention.
3. Also submitted herewith as Exhibit B, are pages from a notebook of the inventor that were dated and counter-witnessed by another prior to September 24, 1998, the filing date of Brandt, which establishes that the inventor conceived of an efficient Email communication system that stored a single copy of an electronic message where multiple users were designated and sent a notification of the message, different from the stored message, and did not send the stored message to recipients until requested. Although the date of the notebook page is redacted in Exhibit B, the undersigned certifies that the original document is dated before September 24, 1998.
4. Shortly after conception of the invention, and within three months thereof, the inventor completed the invention disclosure statement of Exhibit A, which was received and dated by the employer, Micron Technology, prior to September 24, 1998.

5. The in-house files show that Micron Technology forwarded the invention disclosure statement to patent counsel for the purpose of preparing a draft application before September 24, 1998.
6. Patent counsel acted on the invention disclosure with customary diligence, which was in chronological order among dozens of other disclosures received each period from Micron Technology, and in that customary period, interviewed the inventor, prepared a draft application, submitted the draft to Micron Technology, which in-turn routed the application to the inventor for review. The application was reviewed by the inventor, revised by patent counsel, reviewed and revised again by the inventor and the final application was submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office within an ordinary and customarily diligent time period.
7. Exhibits C-E attached herewith, are communications between Micron Technology and patent counsel illustrating diligence in these acts. Exhibit C is an Email communication dated February 6, 1998, showing patent counsel arranging to interview the inventor. Exhibit D is a letter dated September 22, 1998, showing completion of a draft application for review. Exhibit E is a letter dated December 14, 1998, showing completion of a revised application for further review. The filing date of the final application was January 15, 1999.
8. The aforementioned statements based on my own knowledge are true and/or are based on information believed by me to be true. I acknowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, and may jeopardize the validity of the subject patent application or any patent issuing thereon.



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